

**Notes taken at Meeting with Parish Group  
Representatives on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

The meeting was opened by Father Xavier with a prayer and a welcome to all those present. 11 Parishioners attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Margaret Guinan, Frank Redfearn and Janet Malone.

Father Xavier commented that the Fun Day on 10<sup>th</sup> September had been a great success and that the sum of £2,800 had been raised after deductions for expenses. This included the monies raised by the Parochial Centre Star Night. Father informed the meeting that it had been agreed to divide this equally between the school, parochial centre and the parish. However it had also been agreed to jointly purchase some new tables out of the proceeds and this amounted to £998.75. Father had also received a donation of £100 specifically to go towards the tables. Father suggested that perhaps we might want to give a donation to the bowling and football clubs but after a short discussion the meeting agreed that the money should be divided as originally agreed. The amount to be divided was therefore £558.41. The 'cash' raised at the Fun Day was still in the possession of the centre and it was agreed that it should be paid into the parish accounts and divided after that had taken place.

Discussions then centred on a further fun day being held next year and that this should take the place of the Summer Fair. It was agreed to hold the event next year on 9<sup>th</sup> September between the same times of 12 and 4 p.m. and to drop the Summer Fair as the available dates in June and July were very 'busy' with other local events.

Father Xavier then informed the meeting that following comments made at the last meeting a new water heater had been purchased and installed in the parochial centre kitchen at a cost of £780. Both sinks also had two taps now as required. The issue of food preparation had been resolved.

Children and youths are still congregating around the centre and in the church grounds. There was little we could do at present but we may have to move the picnic tables in the future in order to remove the incentive to visit the area.

Repairs to the centre guttering had been completed as had the laying of tarmac at the side of the building. The grotto was however still an issue and Father had received a letter from Joe and Josephine Mann who had canvassed a number of parishioners for their views. The general opinion was that the grotto should be repaired however Father believed the grotto should be scaled down from the current size and we would need to engage a structural engineer to get the options available to us.

The fund raising committee mentioned that they have arranged a table top sale for 14<sup>th</sup> October and the Christmas Fair for 26<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting close with a prayer and it was agreed to hold the next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007.